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SUBJECT: ALLEGED INCIDENT AFFECTING HEAD OF CHADIAN UN DELEGATION

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM FONOFF (OUR TRANSLATION): "BY LETTER OF AUGUST 3, 1973 THE CHIEF OF OUR PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AT NEW YORK INFORMED US OF THE INTOLERABLE AFFRONT GIVEN TO HIM BY A POLICEMAN AT LA GUARDIA AIRPORT. WHILE, WITH HIS CHAUFFEUR, HE WAS ACCOMPANYING TO THE AIRPORT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY WHO WERE TRAVELING WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, A POLICEMAN, CONTENDING THAT THE CHAUFFEUR HAD, AS IS USUAL, UNLOADED THE SUITCASES TO CARRY THEM TO THE AMERICAN AIRLINES COUNTER, BEGAN TO QUESTION THE LATTER, ACCUSING HIM OF DOING A JOB IN THE PLACE OF AN AMERICAN PORTER AND ASKED FOR HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE AND CALLED ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO TAKE AWAY THE CHIEF OF MISSION'S CAR, DPL 93, TO A PLACE WHERE IT WAS GARAGED.

(NEW PARA): IN SPITE OF THE INTERVENTION OF OUR CHIEF OF MISSION WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AND HIS TITLE BY IDENTITY CARDS AND THE CAR'S LICENSE PLACE, THE POLICEMAN, WHO DEMONSTRATED AN INDIGNANT ARROGANCE, PAID NO ATTENTION. (NEW PARA): IT WAS THUS THAT THIS SORRY CHARACTER DETAINED THE CHIEF OF MISSION, HIS CHILD AND THE DRIVER FOR MORE THAN 40 MINUTES IN A DRIZZLING RAIN, FOR HE HAD REFUSED CATEGORICALLY TO ALLOW THEM TO LEAVE THAT PLACE OR EVEN TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE AMERICAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. THE EPITOME OF THAT SORRY COMEDY CAME WHEN THE POLICEMAN

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ISSUED A TICKET. (NEW PARA): IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNICATION

ADDRESSED BY OUR CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY WHICH HE PROTESTED AGAINST THE IGNORANT CONDUCT OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, THE MINISTRY FOR ITS PART RAISES A VIGOROUS PROTEST BY THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT -- IF THERE IS NO REASON WHY OUR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE NO RIGHT TO THE LEAST COURTESY -- THE EMBASSY WOULD CERTAINLY AGREE WITH THE MINISTRY THAT SUCH ACTIONS CONTRARY TO DIPLOMATIC USAGE TEND TO ALTER THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. (NEW PARA): HOPING THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO AVOID SUCH INADMISSIBLE ACTS IN THE FUTURE, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ETC., ETC., ETC."

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD BE USED IN OUR REPLY. PERSON INVOLVED WAS OUANGMOTCHING HOMSALA, COUNSELOR AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF CHAD MISSION TO UN. NEHER

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